

**30-Day Notice and Opportunity to Comment**  
**Cold Elk Range Analysis**  
**Wallowa Mountain Office – Wallowa-Whitman National Forest**

The Wallowa Mountain Office of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is preparing an environmental assessment for the Cold Elk Range Analysis project. The purpose of this project is to implement the direction of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Plan by providing grazing on National Forest System lands where suitable.

A notice of the proposed action is available on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54613>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from Shawn Mork at [shawn.mork@usda.gov](mailto:shawn.mork@usda.gov) or 541-426-5593.

The proposed project is an activity implementing the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and is subject to the pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

Specific written comments (§218.2) on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of the legal notice in the *Wallowa County Chieftain*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of commenters, will be part of the public record and made available for public inspection. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments (hardcopy or electronic) regarding this project are eligible to file an objection under Section 218.24 (b)(6).

The preferred comment submission platform is via our webpage. Submit electronic comments on the project webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54613> by selecting the “Comment on Project” link in the “Get Connected” group at the right hand side of the project webpage. Put the project name in the subject line; attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf).

Written comments must be submitted to: Andrea Holmquist c/o Kris Stein District Ranger, PO Box 905, Joseph, OR 97846; or in person at 201 East 2nd Street, Joseph, OR 97846 during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays).

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility (36 CFR 218.5) to file an objection under 36 CFR 218.8. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a)(3). Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

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